GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TOSURISM IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his ministry has sanctioned only Rs.45 lakhs for development of infrastructure at Courtallam in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to enhance the assistance to rupees two crores;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): Development and promotion of tourist places/centres is the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations.However, the Department of Tourism, Government of India provides funds for the identified projects in consultation with them.A project for construction of Tourist Lodge at Courtallam was sanctioned for Rs.39.30 lakhs.

(b) to (d): The Department of Tourism, Government of India has decided that duringthe 10th Five Year Plan it will identify six travel circuits in the country on an annual basis and develop them. These circuits will be finalised and developed in close coordination and partnership with the State/UT Governments and the concerned Government of IndiaDepartments. In addition to this it is proposed to identify one major destination in each State/Union Territory for overall development each year. Accordingly Mamallapuram inTamil Nadu has been identified for development under Destination Development scheme.